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### SOUTH FRANKFORT.

#### What the Town Trustees Did In Old Times

#### Larkin Samuel Gets Left at One Election, but Wins by a Nose at the Next.

#### Streets and Alleys Sold by the Wholesale.

The old record book becomes more interesting as we progress with our reprint of the proceedings and new names appear, some of which have passed out of memory, but others are familiar to not only the present residents of the city, but of the whole State. We give below another chapter covering three years.

March 6, 1830—Benjamin Hensley, John H. Hanna, C. S. Bibb, J. J. Vest and Larkin Samuel were elected trustees. J. J. Vest was elected chairman, at the organization of the board on the 13th, and Larkin Samuel clerk. The stated meetings were fixed on the first Saturday in each month, at 4 o'clock p. m., at the bridge toll house.

April 3—E. S. Coleman elected assessor and Geo. W. Graham treasurer for the year.

June 12—Account of James Williams for repairs made on pump at sundry times, amounting to five dollars. Allowed.

June 19—Appeal meeting ordered advertised by two insertions in the Commentator.

August 20—Massie Franklin's account for work done on Mrs. Mitchell's spring, amounting to \$20, ordered paid in Commonwealth's paper. The application of Charles Miles for a reduction of valuation of property overruled. It was ordered that a tax of ten and fifty cents be collected for the years 1829 and 1830. William F. McQuiddy appointed collector.

August 27—The contract made by the chairman with James Williams for digging and walling a new well in Second street opposite the property of C. P. Bacon and C. S. Todd was approved.

August 28—The collector given power to distrain for taxes due and unpaid for the years 1828, 1829 and 1830.

September 6—Samuel Vanpelt allowed an account of \$50.62½ for work done on public well. Wm. F. McQuiddy tendered his bond as collector, with James Downing as security, which was accepted. Ambrose Wickersham was allowed an account for \$6.78 for work done in the town.

September 13—W. F. McQuiddy ordered at once to settled his account as collector, his power to collect taxes revoked and he directed to turn over list of uncollected taxes to the treasurer.

Property holders given the privilege of paying their taxes to the treasurer, those doing so being allowed a discount of 10 per cent. E. S. Coleman paid five dollars for his services as assessor. George W. Gwin appointed treasurer.

October 19—Account of Jas. Williams for digging and walling a well on Second street, 57 feet deep, at two dollars a foot, was allowed, and Mr. Walston was allowed ten dollars for removing a bank of earth around said well.

November 20—Geo. W. Gwin appointed to collect taxes of 1829 and 1830 and allowed 15 per cent. on the amount collected as compensation. J. J. Vest appointed to contract with Samuel Vanpelt to put a pump in the well lately dug by Williams.

December 4—Account of Samuel Vanpelt for putting pump stock and irons complete in well near the property of J. H. Hanna and C. P. Bacon, amounting to \$68, was allowed.

February 12, 1831—The business of the year closed up, numerous accounts allowed, among them one for two dollars in specie of James Williams for covering well near the property of John H. Hanna and C. S. Todd.

March 5—James W. Denny, John H. Hanna, John J. Vest, Samuel Q. Richardson and George W. Graham elected trustees and sworn into office by James Shannon, justice of the peace. John John J. Vest was elected chairman, George W. Gwin clerk and assessor and John J. Vest treasurer. For the first time since 1818 Larkin Samuel drops out of the list of officers. The minutes are now written in a hand so plain that a blind man can almost read them, which anyone who has seen the handwriting before will at once pronounce as that of Squire Gwin, and written with his inevitable quill pen.

April 27—John Baltzell, as security of Wm. T. McQuiddy, late collector, made settlement with the board, executing his note for \$64.45, the balance due the town by McQuiddy.

May 14—George W. Gwin appointed a committee to contract for cleaning out well near the property of John H. Hanna and Chas. P. Bacon and for repairs on bridge on Steele street, near property of Daniel Epperson and J. J. Vest. Geo. W. Gwin, as assessor, returned his book of assessment, showing the total taxable value of property in the town to be \$113,615, which was received. The tax rate on each \$100 worth of property was raised to 15 cents but the poll tax was

left at 50 cents. Daniel Epperson ordered to open the alley running through, in rear of his property, from Shelby to Steele street, and remove obstructions in said alley so as to afford a convenient pass way for wagons. All of which Uncle Daniel failed to do and the alley is still unopened.

June 22—Property holders allowed a discount of 10 per cent. if they paid their taxes to the treasurer before the first of August.

July 25—So much of Third street as lay between lots Nos. 334, 336 and 217, with slips back of of lots 217 and 335 and two alleys running between the lots in the vicinity, were sold, under an act of the Legislature allowing such sale to be made, to James W. Denny for \$25 in specie, said amount to be kept by George W. Graham as a fund for repairing Second street between Mrs. Humphreys' residence and the bridge. The deed to the street and alleys sold is made part of the record.

August 29—John Arnold appointed tax collector for the year. Twenty five dollars appropriated out of the taxes of the year to be added to the fund already in the hands of Geo. W. Graham for the purpose of making a passable way over the revenue between Mrs. Humphreys' and the corner of John H. Hanna's property, provided the Bridge Company also appropriate \$50. Upon the Bridge Company doing so the town agreed to appropriate \$100 more for the same purpose, payable in annual installments of \$25, with 6 per cent. interest.

No other meetings were held until the 9th day of February, 1832, when Geo. W. Gwin resigned as clerk and Austin P. Cox was elected to succeed him, and on the 16th Joseph Brown was elected treasurer.

March 2—Charles Cully, Thos. J. Mayhall and John Arnold were allowed account for patrolling. George W. Gwin paid his salary of \$10 as clerk. Wickersham & Gray allowed an account of \$25 for making a road between the bridge and Mrs. Humphreys, to be paid in specie. J. S. Arnold returned a delinquent list containing names of numerous persons owing taxes ranging in amount from 45 to 95 cents, which was received.

March 10—George W. Graham, Benjamin Hensley, John J. Vest, Daniel Epperson and Larkin Samuel elected trustees. There seems to have been quite a contest as the follow return of the vote—the first the minutes show—would indicate: John T. Edgar received 15 votes, Ben Hensley 18, Geo. W. Graham 20, John J. Vest 17, John H. Hanna 8, Daniel

Epperson 18, E. S. Coleman 9, Larkin Samuel 17, Sam Q. Richardson 11, and Thos. J. Mayhall 15. The trustees were sworn in by E. S. Coleman, justice of the peace, and elected J. J. Vest as chairman. For the office of clerk Messrs. Austin P. Cox and William N. Pettit were placed in nomination and on a vote being taken Messrs. Epperson, Hensley and Samuel vote for Pettit and Messrs. Vest and Graham for Cox. Mr. Pettit was declared elected, was sworn in and entered upon the duties of his office. Mr. Cox was elected assessor and E. S. Coleman treasurer. Mr. Cox failed to accept the office of assessor and Mr. Coleman was made assessor as well as treasurer.

April 16—Jas. Williams allowed an account for cleaning out well near Ben Hensley's. A well ordered dug on Mr. Epperson's or Vest's lot at the junction of Steele and Third streets. Front or Water street, from Main to the termination of said street in the Kentucky river, near the abutment of the late floating bridge, was sold to Ben. Hensley for \$25 in specie—equal to \$28 56¼ Commonwealth paper.

May 14—Leave was given unanimously Mrs. Mary Humphreys, Philip Swigert and John Milam to use Ewing street as a road leading to their ferry. Ben. Hensley was given permission to work and use Steele street as a road to his ferry on the Kentucky river.

May 10—Notice of appeal meeting ordered published in Kentuckian and Commentator.

July 14—Austin P. Cox was elected clerk for the balance of the year. Parts of Murray and Fowler streets and various alleys were sold to Charles S. Morehead for \$86. H. Wickersham proposed to flag any walk three feet wide for eight cents per foot running measure, and Messrs. Hensley and Vest were appointed a committee to select a walk and contract with him for the work.

September 8—Harry Mordecai was allowed an account of \$10.50 for rock hauled by him to wall a well at J. J. Vest's corner, but which was afterwards filled up. Micajah Goins was allowed \$18.50 for work done on well near John H. Hanna's. Sampson, a man of color, allowed \$85 for digging a well near J. J. Vest's. Joel Scott was allowed \$3 for making a wheel for pump on J. J. Vest's lot. Stephen Neel appointed collector for the town tax.

December 12—Thos. Shockley allowed \$150.25 for making sidewalks, as per account rendered. W. N. Pettit's account for service

as clerk, amount paid Keenon for treasurer's book, hoopoles furnished for well and amount paid Dana and J. B. Marshall for advertising, amounting in all to \$12.37½, was allowed. The ends of Murray and Fowler streets north of Second, and Water street, from Logan to where it ends in the river, with the alleys lying between Water and Second streets were sold to William Woods for \$70, and that part of Murray and Fowler streets which lies between Second and Third and one-half of Second street east of Logan, with the three alleys which lay east of Logan and between Second and Third, were sold to Edmond H. Taylor for \$93.

February 27, 1833—The alley between lots 155 and 152 sold to Philip Swigert for \$12.

Massie Franklin was the father of Mr. Walter Franklin, and has only been dead some ten or fifteen years. Geo. W. Gwin was for a long time in the hardware business in this city, and a magistrate for many years in this district in whom all parties had the utmost confidence, and he was re-elected every four years, regardless of which party was in the ascendant and died in office in 1881. Jas. Shannon was a saddler and had his shop in a frame house which stood where the dry goods store of Messrs. S. D. Johnson & Co. now stands. He too was a magistrate for many years. He lived until several years after the war. He was an uncle of Mr. W. S. Dehoney. John Batzell was a hatter and the grandfather of Mr. John B. Meek. He was in business for years and years on the corner where the State National Bank now stands. Daniel Epperson was a carpenter and lived for a long time in a house which stood where Miles' elevator now stands. He finally sold this place and went back to South Frankfort to live in the large frame house on Campbell street, just west of Mrs. Susan McGrew's residence, where he died and was buried in the yard. T. J. Mayhall, whom we all remember, as he only died within the last year, was a house painter and a great fiddler in his younger days, playing for all the dances and picnics gotten up by the young people. John T. Edgar was a Presbyterian Minister—a doctor of divinity—who was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church when the church building stood on Wapping street where the Catholic Church now stands. He died in Nashville, Tennessee, during or just after the close of the war. Micajah Goins was the father of the late Capt. Sanford Goins.

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